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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8,

Line 46, Claim 1 should read as follows:

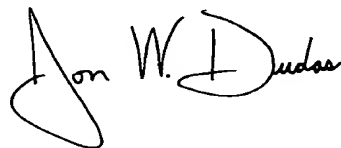
1. A process for increasing fire resistance of a combustible material comprising:

contacting a porous combustible material with a soluble silicate under conditions so as to impregnate pores within the combustible material with silicate solution;

heat treating said impregnated combustible material at an elevated temperature to dehydrate said silicate solution to form a soluble silicate substance within the pores of said combustible material and further heat treating said soluble silicate within said pores to cause said soluble silicate to become less soluble in water.

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